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Previous references. Geol 107-20(1-6) (1922-3, Geol.

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Serial Nos. 20-26, 25 (2), 28 (2), 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 50

Later references. Geol 66-24 (1-4)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 15

Part B for March 22

SUBJECT

Disposal of the Manganese ore lying at the Chicklajur station yard

Je 4648-9 8-5-2-24

To

Offg. Director Department of Geology
Comptroller to Govt.

Struck that the wharfage may be paid to the M. S & M Rly at the rate of Rs 2-8-0 ton and treated as an advance to be adj ed out of the realizations from the o and that the ore be auctioned taking Venkatachallam Pillai's offer of Rs 90 as an upset price.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Geol File No. 55 of 1922.

Serial No.	
20	From the Director of Geology 1798 & 1800 nil. received on 26/7/23 States that the Govt Advocate is of opinion that the ore lying at Chickjajur Railway Station belongs to Govt & requests orders for the disposal of that ore & the ore lying at Tarikere Railway Station. Submitted with reference to paragraph 152 above. Asst. 2-8-23 It does not appear advisable to proceed to pass any orders in regard to the ore at the Chickjajur Station until the Mysore Ry Co withdraws, as they are bound to withdraw their objection & the removal of the ore by the Govt. accepting its opinion. In the meantime the ore at the Tarikere Station about which there is no dispute might be disposed of by the Venkatachellam at proportionate rate calculated on the composition of the ore & Rs 500 for the stacks at both the Stations upon which being already accepted by the Member & the Director Mdy 3.8.23 2nd Member) I agree. Please put up a draft letter to the Director accordingly 3.8.23 5.9. 3.8.23

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Submitted with a draft as desired.

A.G.
4-8-23

2nd Member

4/8/23

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4-8-23

To

The Offg Director of Geol.
Mines & Metallurgy.

With reference to Sl (20) Note that the manganese ore lying at the Tarikere Railway Station about which there is no dispute may be disposed of to Mr. N. Venkatachalu Pillay at proportionate rate calculated on the lump sum offer of Rs 15001- Also send to him letter for reference & rebate.

Geol A 22

From the Secretariat.
246 & 8-8-23.
States for reasons given that Govt Advocate may be asked to serve a notice to the M & S.M. Company to the effect that manganese ore lying at Chickjajur Rail Station should not on any account be exported pending the final settlement of enquiries & ownership is decided.

Submitted for orders.

A.G.
9-8-23.

Mr Coen's claim

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has already been received & rejected — vide Dewan's minute § 28.1.[illegible] and letter to the Dindigul § 4.3.[illegible] in Govt. file no 107-20 below.

92 In the recent correspondence the Dindigul people communicated the orders passed by Mr Coen I have heard unofficially however that Mr Coen was informed on 10.3.[illegible] that Dindigul. It is therefore surprising that he should now agree to such a claim & that we should be asked to consider it.

Govt. should think & allowing it.

93 The question whether Committee as to whether action as proposed by the Dindigul might be taken

9.8.25

(Govt see) 94 The case in question is reported to be either the Railway Yard at Chittoor station — Please see the marked in the

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Mr Flag Q. A. is here on
jurisdiction on this area, the refe
made to the D.C by the Director
is not of any use.

Q. From the Dy Traffic Managers'
letter of the 5th inst to the
Director it appears that the R/Co
are going to allow Coen to take
the ore. This is a point for consi-
deration whether the G/A should be
asked to give a note to the R/Co,
or whether first may address a letter
to the R/Co direct requesting them
to have the ore conditional pending
correspondence. If necessary, a telegram may be sent
to the R/Co here and notify a lien on
the ore & if the ore is distributed
or shall have to take action to
enforce our lien. The G. A's opinion
of the 19th inst does not show if
the fact that the ore is on the
Ry yard was out of Mr Jarvis-
duction has been considered

263.
11.8.23

2nd Member

Je
10/8
Mr
10/8

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(2) The ore is undoubtedly the property of Govt. — Mr Coen's claim having been rejected by them already. Apply the B. S. 17(2) allow the removal by Mr Coen in spite of our protest. They do so at their risk & will be responsible for the loss thereby caused to us.

(3) As to what the R^a Company can claim as reasonable demurrage for the blocking of the ore on their premises & they the Govt have already undertaken ~~to~~ to pay. ~~Govt~~

(4) Govt should write to the R^a Company and the ~~Collector~~ may be put on guard pointing out the above facts ~~and stating that the Govt will~~ ~~not be responsible~~ & asking them to allow the removal of the ore by the Resident Engineer Govt or any person authorised by him on behalf of Govt, ~~or any person~~ stating that the Govt will not be responsible for any claims that may be made by Mr Coen in respect of the ore.

(5) Meanwhile pending the approval & issue of the Govt letter, a telegram may be sent to the Tongue manager requesting him to stop the transport of the ore on ~~the~~ Govt account, ~~until~~ until further pending the receipt of the communication which we shall be sending him on the subject.

Dy 12/8

A. Please put up Govt telegram today 12/8
& also draft letter please

M 13/8

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23	To the Deputy Traffic Manager Freight Madras. Telegram dt 13-8-23. States that the ore in question is Govt property & requests that any permission granted to Mr. Coen for its removal may be held in abeyance pending the receipt of a letter on the subject. Submitted with a draft letter as directed. AHS 13-8-23. 14.8.23 There was a further communication from the Director in this matter requiring that permission should not be granted. Submitted for orders. 14/8
24	From the Director, Dept of Geology 268 dt 13-8-23. Forwards copies of letter received from the Deputy Traffic Manager (Freight) & of reply sent to him on the subject stating that the ore should not be allowed to be removed by Mr. Coen. Submitted for orders. AHS 14-8-23. 10 4th for perusal. A draft of this by the Manager, M & S Ry Co. is also put up for approval. MS 14.8.23 Gen Dept 1st Kind attn is invited to letter of the Dy Tr Manager

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10th inst recd with Dir's letter of the 13th inst. This covers the situation Considerably

106 Draft letter to Dy Tr Manager in the appl

311 / 14.8.23. 2nd Member) Rey 14/8

Mem 14/8

107 Draft letter to Traffic Manager in appl ... it may be noted on the papers submitted for the perusal of the Dewan

108 Please see and return to Dir Geol Rey 15/8

25 To The Dy Deputy Traffic Manager Trichy M&SM Railway Co Ltd, Madras GC 805 dy 15-8-23.

Requests that the Director of Geology or any person authorised by him may be allowed to remove the ore after recovering the ground rent due to the Rly Company

Resubmitted Asst. 16-8-23. VS

109 For General MS 16.8.23

H.H. Dewan) Two maths marked up Draft No 1 (now attached)

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As per talk & my minute dated 14.7.

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13.8

PR 23/8

MM 23/8

Cir Syst
MM 23/8

III The papers relating to the irregularities noticed in the action of the departmental officers have been separately recorded.

II Orders regarding recovery of royalty in accordance with the Dewan's minute of 14.7.23 have already issued — please see last portion of para 1 marked A in letter of 18.7.23 to the Dy Collector

MM
23.8.23

Gen Sec ✓ 113 To Land Revenue

PR 27/8

MM 27/8

Dewan

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The letter is not in the punt. Has 2/3 money been paid the other 1/3 Has also the portion of reduction Royalty. Is more than a month, what is the result?

Y
28/8

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115 Plan with a D.O. letter - marked Immediate - to the Mng Director asking for urgent that action has been taken as directed in our letter of the 18th July - Stating the deposit been paid, & has the agreement been executed

AL
29-8-23

Mg
30/8

116 Submitted with draft.

AG
30-8-23.

117 Done & portrep and letter D.O. letter dt 13th August 1923. sent with reply

30/8/23

1049 & 30-8-23.

118 Submitted with a draft as directed.

AG
31-8-23.

From the Director, Dept of Geology
D.O 363 & 31-8-23
States that the party has been asked to remit to the Treasury the amount of deposit & to execute the agreement without further delay. & that a report will be sent up as soon as the agreement is drawn up.

119 Assistant Secretary, Industries & Commerce.
Put up with references for submission to Member and Dewan.

(Sd) K. V. A.
31-8-23

Submitted with references as directed

(Sd) M. S. R.
31-8-23

AL
1-9-23.

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M. Shivdasani
Engineer
1148 8.3-9-23.

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4.9.23

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120 For perusal of Director's letter of 31/8/23 with reference to Dewan's minute of 25.8.23

1.9.23

Gen Secy
121 2nd Member
122 Dewan

123 The delay in satisfactorily disposing of the business after the receipt of the revenue

124 Issue D.O.

125. Submitted with a draft D.O. letter.

7-9-23.

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7.9.23

25(a)

To the Director of Geology
1252 8-9-23
Observe that the delay in not completing the transaction is unsatisfactory & regret that the transaction may be completed early & the revenue received & a report of action taken in the matter submitted to Govt within a fortnight.

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	revenue received & a report of action taken in the matter submitted to Govt within a fortnight.
26	From the Director of Geology 416 & 7-9-23. Requests orders as to whether the quantity of manganese ore lying at Chickgajur Railway Station may be offered to Col Coen for a lumpsum price of Rs 900/- or at Rs 4 per ton as Railway freights & States clear- the transaction re the sale of certain quantities of manganese ore to Mr. M. Venkatachellum Pillay of Mysore will be completed shortly.
27	Submitted for orders. — Hdg. 10-9-23. 28 Mr Coen's claim to the ore has already once been rejected by this Govt & this question cannot be reopened. — 29 For this ore was an amount received from Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co as penalty sale of [illegible] has been received from them and the balance of approximately 353 tons is now to be sent. 30 There is already an offer for this from Mr Venkatachella Chetty Pillay which has not yet been

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disposed of pending the settlement of the question whether the M & SM Ry Co.

131 The Legal Member was once before disposed to accept the lumpsum offer of Rs 1500 for 590 lins of ore lying at Chikjajur & Tandem Ry Station. Whether the Tandem Ry Station was duly equipped with a Despatch by Mr V. Pillai after receiving the proportionate value Memo — vide letter No 6576 G 6-8-25 (Serial 21 in file.

132 For the 353 lins at Chikjajur Mr V. Pillai's offer of Rs 900 is considered fair. But the Director recommends that, as the Coen firm seems anxious to purchase this ore he may be given a chance to take up this ore on payment of royalty at Rs 900 lumpsum or Rs 4 per ton on railway receipts, the whichever is found more favorable to the Railway Company being at no loss by himself. Mr Coen does not appear to have been consulted if he is agreeable to the accept these conditions. If he

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it may
Agra [illegible] be desirable to sanction the Director's proposal, as there will be no reason for further controversy with the Railway Co. Apart from Mr V. Pillay, whose views on the terms already agreed

133 In the last para, the Collector has reported on the action taken by him about closing finally the transactions with Mr V. Pillay & recovering the revenue, as already ordered. This is in general with reference to the Dewan's minute dd 7.9.23. above

MD
11.9.23

Agreed 134 The chief point of the 3 to 5 lacs of opinion at Chickjajur has to be decided and the choice has to be made between the 4 Pillai Mr Gen. The former offer is Rs 4 Gen. It is not clear if Mr Gen will pay at this rate

135 The Dy, in recommending the Grant of the one to Mr Gen, appears to be influenced by the fact that that will put an end the objection raised by the Ry Company.

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is Something to be said in favour of this view but Care must be taken to see that the Grant is treated as a Cash transaction, having nothing to do with Mr Coen's position as the man who won the ore. Otherwise, Mr Coen is likely to raise claims about the Quantity removed by Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co for which payment has been received by Govt. Please see Mr Coen's letter of the 26th ult to the Dir, Copy of which has been received with the Dir's letter of the 7th inst, which shows that Mr Coen contemplates such a claim —

136/ Mr Coen is to be given the option of taking the ore, he will then both as had regarding the price — 11-9-23

2nd Member

MRS 11/9

A.S. 37
A reminder should go to the Dir on the 13th inst - enquiring if Mr U. Pillai has paid the money &

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11.9.23

Pl 11/9

137 I agree with the Secy. A copy may be sent to the Director may be put up accordingly & submitted for approval

Pl 12/9 12/9

MRS 12/9

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Submitted with a draft
Asst 13-9-23.

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Draft put up & copy
draft as amended MRS
15/9

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Submitted with a typed draft as directed.
MS.
15-9-23.

MS
15-9.

Secy
2nd Member

To approve pr 15/9
MS
15/9

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17.9.23.

Draft approved. The necessary communication for the payment of approved allowance may be issued.

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Dewan
To issue formal letter pr 18/9

returned
Issued
21.9

2nd Member
To issue pr 21/9
MS
21/9

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24.9.23.

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MS
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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31	To The Dy Director of Geol. Dev. Coal 1/10/23. With Reference to (26), State whether if Govt agree to pay a lump sum royalty of Rs 900/- or at Rs. 4/- per ton on Railway weight, he may be given the option of purchasing it. Intimation in this regard should be furnished after settlement of the Case should be reported to Govt within two weeks.

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17-10-23.

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37 From the Offg Director Dept of Geology
740 & 8-11-23.
Forwards a copy of letter received from Mr. Coen claiming the manganese ore lying at Chittajapu Railway Station as his own & requests order of Govt in regard to the disposing of the ore to Mr. M. Venkatachellam Pillay on payment of Rs 900/- offered by him & that necessary action may be taken so as to enable the purchaser to remove the ore without any hindrance from the Railway company.

The previous papers on the subject have been submitted to the Second Member of council inter alia nos 1493, 1605 and 1762. Submitted in continuation for order.

& nos 1493 submitted on 12-10-23
nos 1605 on 24-10-23
nos 1762 on 2-11-23

Ord. 10-11-23. VS 12.11.23 Mr Coen's claim to the ore has already been rejected. The offer now made by him was only a concession. It may be withdrawn and the ore sold to Mr Venkatachellam Pillay as first-decided. A reference may be made to the M & S Ry Co in continuation of the letter already addressed.

On return of the file from the 2nd member the necessary draft letter to the Railway Co may be submitted.

12.11.23.

Submitted with the main file.

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12-11-23.

Rejected
Second Member) 12/11/23

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Before accepting Mr Thomas offer we have to make sure that the R^y Comp^y will not object to the cars being handed over to the person to whom we may sell it. On the point I wish to know how the matter stands. A note may be put up about it, and a despatch taken by the R^y Comp^y's agent.

dc.
17.1

Kind attention is invited to the minute of the Hon'ble Member of Council dt 12-8-1923 and also to this office letter dt 15-8-23 addressed to the then Deputy Traffic Manager Freight, M & S.M.R. Co. Ltd, Madras in the matter.

Submitted for orders.

Asst.
20-11-23.

Secretary
21/11

S 574
22.11.23.

Secretary
U/22/11

Secretary
22/11

The above note may not answer the point raised by the R^y Comp^y. Have the R^y Comp^y agreed to hand over the cars by the proposed date or any other person authorised by this Govt to receive it? If no why has the necessary letter been sent to the Govt requesting them to issue a despatch reminder to the Comp^y to hand over the cars?

Secretary
23/11

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Submitted

No reply has yet been received from the Railway Company. A draft reminder is herewith submitted

Asst
24-11-23.

No reply has been received from the Rly Co to the letter made from here (Page S/K) — A reminder is put up for approval — The actual amount of wharfage has not yet been intimated. It is for orders whether the Company may not also be asked to intimate the amount of wharfage they want. Considering all the circumstances, such as their having kept quiet for years before and so on, return to the Director's letter to the Company (Page 9) — If this question is not settled now, there is every likelihood of the Correspondence dragging on & disposal of the matter being delayed —

Ker Secy) SMR 26/11

Draft for reply may Engineering Secy be made as above

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(A) 11 Cechal Amount of Wharfage Charges

26.11.23

69 — 11 Member SMD 26/11
26.11.23.

(A) This may be done. The necessary addn may be made to the drop of the Secy. It may be seen. Rs 825 in case the Railway for admn of 15th Dec

28/11. 29/11 SMD 29/11

39 To

The Acting Deputy Traffic Manager Freight, M.S.M. Rly Madras

No. C 3531 of 30th Nov 23

With reference to Sl (25) Supra Depart- ment is to intimate to Wharfage Agent Tuticorin whether the Railway has yet paid to Port Trust the sum of Rs 825 being the amount of Wharfage charges collected by the Railway Company from the Agent Tuticorin during the month of October 1923 and if not to state when the amount is likely to be paid.

As reply has not not yet been received from the Railway Company, a drop reminder is prepared. Advt

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT 1-DEC 1923 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

13-12-23

Issued SMD 13/12

Issued vide No 3850 of 15-12-23.

May the receipt of a reply from the Railway Co be awaited? Reference is invited to the minute of Secretary to Member of Council of 28-11-23

Advt. 17-12-23.

The Traffic Manager's reply may be awaited. Another reminder may be issued in the 2nd week. SMD 17/12

(Revised) This has been issued. Please await receipt thereof.

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From the Deputy Traffic Manager Freight M & S.M. Ry Co. Madras.
T.M. 67/23 Dt 17-12-23.
States that a wharfage of Rs 2-8-0 per ton of ore lying at Chickjajur Railway Station will be charged when it is removed.

The previous papers on the subject have been submitted with D no 1894. Submitted in continuation.

Asst Rev Secy 19-12-23.

Dr Cuthbert'son SNR 19/12

How does this Company write the price that we have fixed when take the RR & work up

Rly. Genl file SNR 20/12

Secretary on 18-12-23.

For an approximate quantity of 353 tons of ore, the offer made by Mr. Venkatachellam Pillay is Rs 900/- which gives a price of Rs a p. 2-8-10 per ton, while the wharfage which the Railway Company proposes to charge is Rs 2-8-0 per ton or 882½ for 353 tons.

Asst 20-12-23.

Paid Rs 882 8 0

By Mr Venkatachellam Pillay
Agreed to pay this wharfage in addition to Rs 900/- royalty. The matter may be settled by allowing him to take away the ore. The Agreement may perhaps be Cancelled.

Rev Secy SNR 20/12

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The chances of Mr V. Pillai passing the shortage are remote.

It seems to be necessary to write to the Dy Traffic Manager that the claim is very high.

(A) 506 20-12-23.

20/12

II Memo)

(A) I agree. A circular may be sent to the Traffic manager, pointing out that the offer received so far for the new works are only at about Rs 2/8- per ton. In this circumstance, the shortage & claim of it is too high — and requesting him to closely inspect & secure minimum shortage may be charged.

28/12

24.12 20/12

Submitted with a draft.

28.12.23.

Rei Secy) 28/12

31/12 Issued 2/1

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42 To

The Deputy Manager, Triplicane
N. S. M. Rly Co. Ltd
Mad. c 4080 ½ re refer
his reference wherein requests
him to charge a small nominal
wharfage.

44 From the Deputy Traffic Manager, Triplicane
M & S M. Railway Coffice
T.M. 67/23 dt 11-1-24.

Res B, 15-1-24

States for reasons given the wharfage cannot be reduced & that in case the wharfage cannot be paid, arrangement maybe made for handing over the ore to the Railway Co who will take steps to dispose of the same.

Submitted for orders with reference to the recent Member minute dt 23-12-23.

12-1-24

For orders — The dt T. M. of M. S. M Railway refuses to reduce the rate of wharfage he has claimed viz. Rs 2-8-0 per ton

SNR 13/1

Rev Secy

PS Menon

SNR 13/1

Please put up a draft letter containing the above in connection with

SNR 13/1

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15-1-24.

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Attended to.

Submitted with a note.

Attd 19-1-24 — 21.1.24

Please send with main agreement. SMR 21/1

Attended to and resubmitted

Attd 22-1-24.

In orders with regard to the enclosed Minute of the 16th inst. A brief note giving the facts of the case is put up (flag X)

SMR 22/1

Rev Secy) — II Member)

22/1 SMR 22/1

565 22/1/24

The Value offered for the ore is Rs 3 per ton for 25·2 tons : and of the first one is to pay on the ore wrongly as Rs 2/8/- per ton — which amounts to Rs 882/8/- for 25·2 tons. Hence is liable to pay for the . . 2 The wharfage demanded by the R. Company is Enclosure 2 and is proportion to the value of the ore. Both the decisions to reduce it, 3 is for consideration whether further enhancement is admissible in this case :

The Secy for Railways with the enclosures returned - if approved by the Dewan.

A note giving the facts of this case is put up for perusal for facility of reference

Dewan

24/1 24/1 SMR 25/1

DEWAN'S OFFICE
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REVENUE 26 JAN 1924 SECRETARY.

Ker Mangi May the R^q. be Charge of Claim - & Cell the Ore Sanction. The offer need not be accepted 4

697 28.1.24. (1 Member) In favour 26/1. SM 26/1.

Please put up draft letter & Dr ? first accepting it

REVENUE 29 JAN 1924 SECRETARY.

28/1 29/1 SM 29/1

Submitted with a draft.

Asst 30-1-24 Is not a letter enough, as ordered by the 2nd member?

SM 30/1

An Order appears necessary, as the Comptroller should be authorized to pay the Wharfage & by arranging payment thro' the Imperial Bank.

30-1-24 Draft put up for appd

Accd this Dft - The ore has to be sold after the payment of Wharfage. The amount has to be determined when the ore is removed - It seems therefore necessary to hold the sale first & then pay Wharfage. It is not possible to say whether we would be able to realise more than what has already been offered

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Question It is not known from what source the Wharfage has to paid in case the sale is held after paying it

SMR 30/1

Rev Secy)

The Wharfage may be paid as an advance, & adjusted out of the realisations from the sale.

The sale may be held by Auctioneer taking the Prices offered as the upset price and the Wharfage paid on actual weight.

Please redraft - amending and submit

SMR 31/1

Secretariat will a revised draft as decided.

Advg 1-2-24

Draft put up as desired

SMR 1/2

Rev Secy)

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Approved

2/2 Issue

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46. To

The Offg Director of Geol
& Comptr to Govt.

No. C 46489 of 5-7-24

With reference to correspondence ending with Se (37) directs that the wharfage be paid to the Company at the rate of Rs 2-8-0 per ton & treated as an advance to be adjusted out of the realisations from the ore & that the same be sanctioned to the Hon. Venkatachellam Pillay's offer of Rs 9,000/- as an upset price & Request directions before we take action for recovery of Govt.

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Dem Ler Director of Geology.
1508 of 11-3-24

Stores that the ore in question was sold in auction for the road — & that the wharfage charges due to the Railway Co will be paid in due course,

Submitted for perusal

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Dated, Bangalore, 7

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From A. M. SEN, Esquire, M.Sc.
~~B. JAYA-RAM, Esquire, F.C.S.,~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

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To

T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Bangalore.

26 JUL 1923

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.326, dated 18th July 1923, communicating the orders of Government regarding the offers received for the purchase of the manganese stocks at the disposal of Government, I have the honour to state that necessary steps are being taken as directed to have an agreement executed by Mr. M. Venkatachallam Pillay of Mysore, whose offer has been accepted by the Government and to have two-thirds of the amount of the offer deposited by him in advance.

2. In regard to the offer for the ore stocks lying in the Chickjajur and Tarikere Stations which has been reserved for future consideration, I beg to forward herewith a copy of letter, dated 23rd July 1923, from Mr. Venkatachallam Pillay praying for early orders in respect of his offer for the two lots, at least in respec of the Tarikere one in regard to which there is no difficulty, as it would facilitate his business in case his offer is accepted. This is a very reasonable prayer since the other lots for which his offer has already been accepted lie in most cases at great distances from the Railway Stations and it will necessarily be some time before he can effect a deal in respect of any consignmen

3. In regard to the claim of the M. S. M. Railway Co., to the disposal of the Chickjajur Station ore, opinion of the Government Advocate has since been obtained. It is stated therein that Government is legally entitled to the ore as the claim of the party who stacked the ore in the Station (the original licensee) has been disallowed by the Government for certain reasons. As between the Government and the Railway Company the Government Advocate is of opinion that in the absence of a proper claim to the ore before the Railway Company, it is not open to the Railway Administration to put forward any objections and to proceed under Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act. From the fact that the Railway Company in the first instance called upon the Department to pay up the ground rent in respect of the ore the Government Advocate concludes that the Company thereby practically conceded its right for the disposal of the ore, if any. The whole correspondence relating to this case, ending with my letter No.7, dated 4th July 1923, to the Company, and the unofficial reference to the Government Advocate with his opinion therein, all in original, are forwarded herewith for the perusal of Government and kind return when done with. Reply to my last letter to the Railway Company is still awaited.

4. In view of the legal opinion obtained whereby the right of the Government to the ore in question is established the Railway Company being only entitled to claim some ground rent, I am of opinion that the consideration of the disposal of this ore may be proceded with along with the Tarikere Station ore.

5. Should it be however considered that the disposal of the Chickjajur ore should wait until the Railway Company withdraw their objections to its disposal by Government, I request that Government may, in view of the prayer of Mr. Venkatachallam Pillay, be pleased to pas orders

orders on the disposal of the Tarikere ore without delay, for a proportionate value.

6. Regarding the ore stocks on blocks Nos.537 and 538 of the Peninsular Minerals Company, the Company has since written accepting the licenses offered to them on the terms imposed. These two items will accordingly be excluded from the sale agreement of Mr. Venkatachallam Pillay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. M. Sen

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

NVN/

Letter, dated 23rd July 1923, from Mr. M. Venkatachallam Pillay, Camp Bangalore, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, Bangalore.

Referring to para 2 of your letter No.113, dated 19th July 1923, I beg to state that the stock lying at the Tarikere Station appears to be free of contention.

To begin operations and to bring stocks to Rail head will take time, as I have to conclude business, have to show some stock at the Railway Station; as such I request you to kindly order the disposal of the stock lying at the Tarikere Station at least to me at an early date either for proportionate lump sum or on tonnage basis.

As regards the stocks at Chickjajur Station on which I hear there is some contention from Railway authorities, the same may be sold to me when the contention is settled finally and the stock is free for disposal.

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Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department

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Date of issue 6/8/23

Signed by for Secy R Rao.

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The Offg Director of Geology

To

Sir,

With reference to your letter no 179 dated nil last received at the Secretariat on the 26th July 1923, I am directed to state that the manganese lease lying at the Lari Kere Railway Station about which letter is in dispute may be disposed of to Mr M. Venkatachallam Pillay at proportionate rates calculated on the lumpsum offer of Rs 1500/-

As regards the disposal of the ore kept at the Chikkajaja Railway

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station, I am to state that orders of Govt will be communicated to you on receipt of your public report after hearing from the M & S.M. Railway authorities.

The enclosures to your letter under reference are herewith sent for reference & retransmission with your report.

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No. 246 Encls 12. Dated, Bangalore, 8th August 1923.

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
9 - AUG 1923
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE
BRANCH.

From

A. M. SEN, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
~~B. JAYA RAM, Esquire, F.G.S.,~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

DIARY NO 5551

To

T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Bangalore.

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9 AUG 1923

Sir,

Adverting to the last para of your letter No.I.C.656-Geol.55-22, dated 6th August 1923, stating that the orders of Government re. the disposal of the manganese ore lying in the Chickjajur Railway Station, will be communicated on receipt of further report from M & S.M authorities, I have the honour to state that I have just had from the Traffic Manager's office a reply to my last letter and a copy of the same is forwarded herewith together with copies of the previous correspondence which have already been perused by the Government. It will be seen from this letter that the Railway Company have recognised the claim of Mr. W. W. Coen of Hubli who was the person to originally stack the ore in the Railway premises, although they were informed in this office letters Nos.2047, dated 6th June and 7, dated 4th July 1923, that the Government had rejected Mr. Coen's claim thereto. I am again writing to the Company a letter reiterating the claim of Government to the ore in question and stating that the Company should not rail the ore at the request of Mr. Coen. A copy of that letter also is forwarded herewith.

2. I am also writing to the Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldrug

Chitaldrug informing him of the case and requesting him to take such steps as would be necessary to prevent the Railing of the ore and a copy of this letter also is forwarded herewith.

3. It has already been decided by the Government that the said ore belongs to them and the Government Advocate also has given his verdict in favour of the Government. If necessary the Government Advocate may be asked to issue a notice to the Company to the effect that the ore stacked in the Railway Station should not, on any account, be exported pending the final settlement of the question of ownership to the ore.

4. In conclusion, I beg to request that necessary instructions may be kindly conveyed to me as regards further action to be taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Narasimha Sen

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

NVN/

Letter No.EM.923/23, dated 30th March 1923, from the District Traffic Superintendent, M.S.M. Railway, Bangalore, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

Re. 9 or 10 wagon loads of chrome ore.

I understand that you propose auctioning 9 or 10 wagon loads of chrome ore lying in Chickjajur Station compound. Please note that the same cannot be delivered to you unless the ground rent due is paid to us.

"Copy"

For Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

NVN/

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Letter No.1707, dated 7th April 1923, from the Director, Mysore Geological Department, to the District Traffic Superintendent, M & S.M. Railway Company, Ltd., Bangalore.

In reply to your letter No.E.M.923/23, dated the 30th March 1923, stating that the chrome ore lying in the compound of the Chickjajur Railway Station cannot be delivered, unless the ground rent due is paid to you, I have the honour to state that the ore under reference is not chrome but manganese and that it is reported to have been conveyed to the said Station by Col. Coen more than a dozen years ago. The Railway authorities have all along allowed it to remain there, without taking any action to trace out the owner or to send an intimation of the fact, in due time, to this Department, so as to enable it to take needful steps for its disposal.

2. I presume that, at this distance of time, the ground rent chargeable may be much more than the amount the sale of the ore may ever fetch. It appears to me, therefore, that only a nominal wharfage may fairly be claimed by you, if the ore, which is of a low grade, is sold to advantage.

"Copy"

For Offg. Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department

Letter No.C.M.923/23, dated 30th May 1923, from the District Traffic Superintendent, Bangalore City, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

In reply to your letter No.1707 of 6/7th April 1923, I have the honour to request that you will kindly advise me under what circumstances you claim the right to sell the manganese ore which has been deposited by another on Railway premises and is lying there unclaimed.

"Copy"

For Offg. Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

Letter No.2047, dated 6th June 1923, from the Director, Mysore Geological Department, to the District Traffic Superintendent, M & S.M. Railway Company, Ltd., Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.C.M.923/23, dated 30th May 1923, enquiring the circumstances under which this Department claims the right to sell the manganese ore lying unclaimed on Railway premises, I have the honour to state that in the absence of a proper claimant any ore lying on Railway premises becomes the property of Government and that it is the Geological Department that has a right to dispose of the same, being the general custodian of all minerals in the State.

2. In re. the manganese ore lying in Chickjajur Station, Mr. W. W. Coen of Hubli urged his claims to it having removed it there some long time ago from certain blocks held by him in the neighbourhood. This claim was not recognised by Government on various grounds of laches on the part of Mr. Coen. Accordingly the ore in question is the property of Government and I am glad to inform you that a serious attempt is now being made to dispose of the same. When this is done due intimation will be sent to you and to the Station Master of Chickjajur. Arrangements will also be made for paying to the Railway Company a nominal wharfage which may be fairly claimed by you under the circumstances.

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for Offg. Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

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Letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 13th June 1923, from the Acting Deputy Traffic Manager Freight, Madras, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.2047, of the 6th instant to the address of the District Traffic Superintendent, Bangalore, on the subject of manganese ore lying unclaimed on Railway premises, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to send me an authority for the statement that unclaimed ore lying on Railway premises becomes the property of Government. In this connection I have to refer you to Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act which in the opinion of this Administration governs the case in question. I am not prepared to allow the ore to be removed in the absence of reasonable proof as to ownership and then only after payment of such charges as may be due to the Railway Company.

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For Offg. Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

Letter, No.7, dated 4th July 1923, from the Director, Mysore Geological Department, to the Acting Deputy Traffic Manager, Freight, Madras.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 13th June 1923, on the subject of the proposed disposal by this Department of the manganese ore stacks lying unclaimed in the Chickjajur Railway Station yard and to state that I am surprised at the attitude taken by you in the case as authority for the statement made in one of our previous communications that unclaimed ore lying on Railway premises becomes the property of Government is asked for. In reply to this I beg to point out to you that Government is the sovereign owner to all the minerals in the earth in any part of the State except in a very few Sarvamanya Inam villages where mineral rights have been specially conceded to Inamdars.' As such, all mineral concessions in any part of the State are granted by the Government and for this purpose rules are framed for the guidance of all. Licenses for prospecting minerals and ores are granted by the Government empowering the licensee to work, win and carry away the same for his use subject to the payment of royalty to Government at certain specified rates and with the right of pre-emption at all times of the ores and minerals lying within the block or elsewhere under control of the licensee. An extract from the license form containing the above terms is forwarded herewith for your information and it will be clear from the above that Government has a control on the ores and minerals removed by the licensees from the blocks and stacked any-where.

2. In the present case the manganese ore in the chickjajur Railway Station was won by Mr. W. W. Coen of Hubli in 1907 or thereabouts and removed to the Station premises in 1909. Since the royalty due to Government thereon was not paid by him within the time allowed therefor his claim to the ore was forfeited. The Government has therefore been the claimant to the said ore ever since.

3. Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act lays down the procedure

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procedure that the Railway Administration has to follow in disposing of goods that have come into its possession and lying unclaimed. A notice is required to be served for the information of the owner of the goods and, if not responded to, the Railway Administration has to sell the property within a reasonable time and after recovering its dues refund any surplus to the owner. No action in pursuance of this section has been taken by the Railway Administration, although the ore has been lying on the Railway premises for some years, while on the other hand in August 1940 a portion of the material was allowed by the Railway authorities to be transported by Messrs. Oakley, Bowden and Company, who had not the remotest claim to the same and without making any enquiry as to the proper claimant. It is not known if any wharfage charges were recovered at all on the quantity of ore then railed.

4. From the above facts, I trust that you are now convinced that Government have the right of ownership to the ore in question and that you will have no further objection to this Department disposing of the same.

5. Please be good enough to inform me as to the wharfage charges you would claim from the Government in the present case.

"Copy"

For Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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FFICE NOTES.

W.O. No 5
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Subject.- Objection of the M.S.M. Railway authorities to the disposing of by this Department of the manganese ore stocks lying in the Chickjajur Railway Station yard.

The marginally noted correspondence with the M.S.M. Railway authorities relating to certain manganese ore stacks lying in the Railway Station yard of Chickjajur is forwarded herewith to the Government Advocate, with compliments, for favour of his perusal and an expression of his opinion in the case.

On the 5th March 1923, a Notice No.1513, was issued by this Department offering for sale certain manganese ore stacks lying in various parts of the State of which the one above referred to is item No.14 in the Schedule appended to the sale Notice.

The circumstances under which the ore in question has been lying in the Station area are as hereunder:-

The ore (about 600 tons) was originally won by Mr. W. W Coen of Hubli from a block near Chickjajur in the year 1907 under a prospecting license obtained from the Government. It was carted by him to the Railway Station yard in the year 1909 Since then it has been allowed to remain there.

The ore being of low grade for which there was no market at the time Mr. Coen did not take any steps to transport the same by rail; Neither did he establish his clai to the said ore by paying to Government before a certain date, as demanded, the royalty due on the same. Consequently his claim to the ore ceased years ago.

In August 1920, Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., were allowed by the Railway Administration to transport by rail about 145 tons of this material (15 wagon loads Mr. Coen

brought this fact to the notice of Government in March 1921, and at the same time urged his claims to the said ore. This was rejected by the Government and the unauthorised action of Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., in removing the ore which belonged to the Government resulted, after a good deal of correspondence, in the levy of a high rate of royalty of Rs.4/- per ton by way of penalty.

The Railway Administration on coming to know from our notice of sale that this Department was taking steps to dispose of the balance of the ore lying in the Chickjajur station premises claimed ground rent and stated that the ore can only be delivered on payment of the rent. (Vide their letter, dated 30th March 1923). The right of Government to the ore was not then questioned. The principle underlying this claim made by the Company for ground rent was accepted and it was stated that it can only be nominal considering the circumstances of the case. The D.T.S. in his second letter, dated 30th May 1923, questioned the right claimed by this Department to dispose of the ore deposited by another in Railway premises and lying unclaimed. In reply he was informed that in the absence of a <u>prorer</u> claimant the ore becomes the property of Government. The circumstances relating to this particular case were also stated, but the Company has unfortunately taken an inexorable attitude and requires reasonable proof as to ownership. It is further stated that Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act governs the case in point. This section relates to the mode of disposal by the Railway Administration of unclaimed articles that have come into its possession. In the present case the claim of the person who originally carted the ore to the Station premises has been rejected by the Government and this Department on behalf of the Government is now taking steps to dispose of the same. The claim of the Government to the ore is, I think, beyond any question and the Railway

Administration

Administration must admit it.

In permitting Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., to transport by rail in August 1920, 15 waggon loads of this material without enquiring into the question of the proper claimants thereto the Railway Company has, in my opinion, transgressed their own rules as laid down in Section 56 of the Railway Act. Their present obstructive attitude when Government as the rightful owner is trying to dispose of the balance of the ore lying in the Station yard appears to be quite unreasonable.

The Company has only a rightful claim to wharfage charges but it can only be fixed at a nominal sum considering the long period that the Company has allowed it to remain there without taking steps under the Railway Act within a reasonable time.

As the Railway Company has questioned the right of this Department to the ore lying in the Station premises without a proper claimant and itself claims the right to dispose of the same under Section 56 of the Railway Act, the opinion of the Government Advocate is solicited on the legal points involved in the case.

Sd/ A. M. Sen,

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department

To

The Government Advocate,

Bangalore.

To my mind the legal position is fairly clear. Under Sec.38 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code the right to all minerals is vested absolutely in the Government except to the extent to which any rights are conceded to or conferred on others. The ore in this case was removed by the licensee under a prospecting license which is no longer in force, and under the terms of the prospecting license he becomes entitled to the ore only on payment of the royalty specified in the Schedule to the license

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The licensee has also no right to remove the ore after the expiry of the period mentioned in the license.

There are no materials before me to arrive at any definite conclusion as to whether the ore in question was removed within the period mentioned in the license or later on. In any case as the licensee does not appears to have paid the royalty payable and has also otherwise failed to establish his claim to the ore - Government is entitled to it The Railway Company practically conceded such a right when it called upon the Geological Department to pay up the ground rent due in respect of the ore.

As to whether the title of the licensee is superior to that of the Government or vice versa is a matter between these two parties and in the absence of any claim by the licensee before the Railway Company, it does not appear to be open to the Railway Administration to put forward any objection and to proceed under Sec.56 of the Indian Railway Act.

The ore belongs prima facie to Government. Even unclaimed property escheats to Government and under the circumstances the Railway Administration cannot legally claim to proceed under Sec.56 on the Government of Mysore. It has of course a right to claim some ground rent.

Sd/ K. Shankernarayan Rao,

19th July 1923. Government Advocate.

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For Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department

Copy of Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act.

Disposal of unclaimed things on a Railway.

56. (1) When any animals or goods have come into the possession of a Railway Administration for carriage or otherwise and are not claimed by the owner or other person, appearing to the Railway Administration to be entitled thereto, the Railway Administration shall, if such owner or person is known, cause a notice to be served upon him requiring him to remove the animals or goods.

(2) If such owner or person is not known or the notice cannot be served upon him, or if he does not comply with the requisition in the notice, the Railway Administration may, within a reasonable time, subject to the provisions of any other enactment for the time being in force, sell the animals or goods as nearly as may be, under the provisions of the last foregoing section, rendering the surplus, if any, of the proceeds of the sale to any person entitled thereto

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Dharwar Chetty

For Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

Letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 6th/6th August 1923, from the Acting Deputy Traffic Manager Freight, Madras, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, Bangalore.

I thank you for your letter No.7, dated the 4th ultimo relating to ore lying at Chickjajur station. I note that this ore was won by Mr. W. W. Coen of Hubli. I have since heard from this gentleman notifying me of his intention to rail his manganese ore now lying at Chickjajur Station to Madras. I will advise you in due course when this has been done.

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for Offg. Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

M. G. D. 12.

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No. 250 Dated, Bangalore, 8th August 1923

From A. M. SEN, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
B. JAYA RAM, Esquire, F.G.S.
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

To

The Ag. Deputy Traffic Manager Freight
M & S. M. Railway Company, Ltd.,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 4th/6th August 1923, in re. the disposal of the manganese ore at Chickjajur Railway Station and to state as follows:-

1. Under Sec. 38 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code, the right to all minerals is vested absolutely in Government except to the extent to which any rights are conceded to or conferred on others. The ore in question has been confiscated to Government as Mr. Coen had failed to pay up the royalty due on it during the period of the license and the same belongs prima facie to Government. None but Government have the right of disposal of the ore in question. The Railway Company has already recognised their claim to the ore in question while it called upon this office to pay up the ground rent due in respect of the ore. For the foregoing reasons, the Railway Company cannot legally claim to proceed under Sec. 56 of the Indian Railway Act on the Government of Mysore.

2. From your letter under acknowledgment, it is obvious that you recognise the claim of Mr. Coen to the

said

said ore and permit him to rail the same. This action on your part, if carried out, will render the Company liable for damages. I request you therefore not to embarass the Government by any such action until you hear from me again in the matter and to take prompt action to stay the railing of the ore under reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ A. M. Sen,

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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A. M. Sen

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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No. 251 Encls 11. Dated, Bangalore, 8th August 1923

From A. M. SEN, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
~~B. JAYA RAM, Esquire, F.G.S.,~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of correspondence between the M.S.M. Railway authorities and this Department ending with letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 4th/6th August 1923, from the Deputy Traffic Manager, relating to the disposal of certain manganese ore lying in the Chickajur Station premises. It will be seen therefrom that the Government have rejected the claim of Mr. W. W. Coen of Hubli to the said ore and are endeavouring to dispose of the same to the best advantage as being their property. The Railway Company in their first letter of 30.3.1923 in claiming only wharfage charges conceded to Government their claim, if any, to the said ore. Next in their letter of 13.6.1923 the Company pointed out that they had a right to dispose of the ore under the Railway Act. From the opinion of the Government Advocate in the matter it will be seen that this claim also was preposterous on the part of the Railway Company. Lastly in their letter, dated 4th August 1923, the Company appear to have recognised the claim of Mr. Coen to the ore in question and want to rail the same at his instance. This, it will be seen, will be irregular on the part of the Company and they have again been requested not to embarrass Government by such

such action until they hear from me again. The matter has been referred to Government for their orders and in the meantime, I request you to take such steps immediately as would prevent the removal of the ore from the Chickjajur Station premises. The action taken by you in the matter may kindly be reported to me at once for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ A. M. Sen

Offg. Director,

MM/ Mysore Geological Department.

"Copy"

A. Sen

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department

MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Notification No. 1513, *dated 5th—6th March* 1923.

SALE OF MANGANESE ORE.

It is hereby notified for general information that sealed tenders will be received up to 12 noon of the 16th April 1923, at the office of the Director, Mysore Geological Department, for the purchase of *Manganese Ore* lying in stacks or heaps on certain abandoned prospecting blocks, etc., in the various parts of the State as shown in the schedule hereto appended.

2. The ore on each separate area in the statement will be taken as a lot for the purpose of the tender.

3. The quantities mentioned in the schedule in respect of the lots of ore are only approximate and this Department does not undertake to give any guarantee in regard to either the quantity or the quality of ore in any lot. It would therefore be advisable for the tenderers to ascertain the quantity and quality of the ore in the lots before submitting tenders therefor.

4. Each tender should be superscribed "Tender for the purchase of Manganese Ore lying on abandoned prospecting blocks" and should be accompanied by a Treasury Receipt for a sum of Rs. 50 in respect of each lot tendered for, which should be paid into a Mysore Government Treasury as earnest money. On acceptance of one of the tenders the earnest moneys in the case of the rejected tenders will be refunded.

5. Each tender should specify clearly the particular lot or lots which the tenderer wishes to purchase and the price per ton he is prepared to offer for each lot separately. A single tender may be submitted in respect of one or more lots, but a deposit of Rs. 50 should be paid, as mentioned above, for each lot proposed to be purchased.

6. The final acceptance of any tender, in whole or in part, will rest with the Government, who do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender or to assign any reasons therefor.

7. The removal of the ore by the successful tenderer shall be subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) That he shall pay within fifteen days from the date of acceptance of his tender a lump sum price, calculated at the rate per ton offered, for each lot, in respect of the estimated quantity of ore mentioned in the schedule appended hereto. In default, his tender will be treated as cancelled and his earnest money forfeited.

(*b*) That the entire quantity of the ore should be removed within six months from the date on which he pays the lump sum price.

(*c*) That any balance of ore which may remain unremoved at the expiry of the said period of six months shall be forfeited to Government.

(*d*) That he shall remove only the ore found in the area collected in stacks or heaps or lying loose and in no case shall he do any kind of mining work and remove fresh ore.

(*e*) That he shall not cut or injure any tree or forest growth on any private occupied or unoccupied land, in the course of operations for the removal of the ore purchased by the tender and shall abstain from all interference with public rights as to paths, tanks, sacred groves, etc.

(*f*) That he shall be responsible for any injury or damage done to the forest growth or land on which the ore is lying either by himself, his agents, representatives or employees.

(*g*) That he shall submit to this office regularly at the end of every month a statement showing the quantity of ore removed during each month for statistical purposes.

(*h*) That he shall execute, within a week from the date of acceptance of his tender, an agreement embodying the above conditions failing which the earnest money deposited by him with his tender will be forfeited to Government and the tender cancelled.

Statement showing the quantity of Manganese Ore on various abandoned blocks in the State of Mysore offered for sale to the public.

Schedule.

No.	Situation of the Block				Distance from the railway station.		Approximate quantity of ore stacked.	
	Locality	Taluk	District	Nearest railway station	Cart track. miles (about)	Good road. miles (about)	In cft.	In tons.
1	Honnebagi Block ..	Chicknayakanhalli ..	Tumkur ..	Banasandra ..	7	8	4,520	250
2	Dodrampur do ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	15	..	1,086	59
3	Karekurchi and Hatyal ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	3½	6½	3,853	243
4	Taggihalli ,, ..	Gubbi ..	Do ..	Yeladbagi ..	3½	..	370	18
5	Madedkere ,, ..	Hosdurga ..	Chitaldrug ..	Hosdurga Road ..	23	.	989	49
6	Shivagange ,, ..	Holalkere ..	Do ..	Amritpur ..	5	..	928	47
7	Do Tank Block ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	5	..	1,258	63
8	Hanumankatte ,, ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	3	..	9,040	465
9	Keshapur ,, ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	3	..	470	23
10	Budipur ,, ..	Hosdurga ..	Do ..	Holalkere ..	10	10	1,835	92
11	Nakikere ,, ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	12	10	467	26
12	Dodkittadhalli ,, ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do ..	14	10	1,476	82
13	Kenkere ,, ..	Do ..	Do ..	Hosdurga Road ..	8	17	9,589	494
14	Chick Jajur railway station ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,354	353
15	Arnelli Block ..	Nagar, Shimoga etc. ..	Shimoga ..	Shimoga ..	10	12	7,279	404
16	Hutadhalli and Karkodlu Blocks ..	Tirthahalli and Nagar ..	Do ..	Do ..	4	31	11,297	627
17	Itigehalli and Hosur Blocks ..	Shikarpur ..	Do ..	Do ..	12	27	..	..
18	Joldhal Block ..	Channagiri ..	Do ..	Harihar ..	3	40	18,880	1,049
19	Tarikere Station yard ..	Close to Tramway Locomotion Shed ..	..	Bhadravati ..	2½	14½	7,968	442
20	Near Bikonhalli ..	Close to 9th mile stone on Shimoga-Soulanga Road ..	..		..	..	4,266	237
							2,142	119

By Order,
B. JEYARAM,
Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

Geol 55-22-23. (55

Deputy Traffic Manager Freight
M & S.M. Railway Company Ltd
Madras

Please refer to Judicial Dept's letter of. eight
bearing regarding ~~Please withhold~~ removal of
manganese ore at Chikkajajur Railway Station.
~~by any ore pending receipt of letter follows~~

Stop ore in Jud. Dept - Stop
please hold in abeyance
any permission pass by
Mr Coen for its
removal stop letter follows.

13.8.23

General Secretary

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Immediate:
M. G. D. 12.

Geol 55-22-24 (56

No. 268 Encs 2 Dated, Bangalore, 13th August 19

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From

A. M. SEN, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
~~B. JAYA RAM, ESQUIRE, F.G.S.,~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
14 AUG 1923
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE
BRANCH.

To

T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

REVENUE SECT. SEC.
13 AUG 1923

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.246, dated 8th August 1923, submitting for the orders of Government copies of correspondence with the M.S.M. Railway authorities relating to the disposal of the manganese ore lying in the Chickjajur Station premises, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 10th August 1923, from the Deputy Traffic Manager (Freight) of the Company in reply to my last letter to him. As requested by me it is stated that a further letter from me in the matter will be awaited before the railing of the ore is permitted. The Traffic Manager now appears to have taken a more reasonable view of the case as he now enquires if Mr. Coen who has applied to the Company for the transport of the ore by rail may be allowed to do so on payment by him of the royalties due to the Governme I have replied to him acknowledging the letter and statin that Mr. Coen cannot be allowed to transport the ore as it is now the property of Government and in case he wants to rail the ore for export he should apply to Government direct. A copy of that letter also is submitted

herewith

herewith for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

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Letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 10th August 1923, from the Deputy Traffic Manager Freight, The Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company, Ltd., Madras, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, Bangalore.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.250 of the 8th instant and, as desired, will not take any action in the matter until I hear from you further. In view of the fact that the original owner of the ore, Mr. Coen has applied to this Company for transport by rail of the ore from Chickjajur to Madras, I beg to enquire whether this may be allowed on payment by the original owner of the royalties due to the Mysore Government.

"Copy"

A.M.Sen

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

M. G. D. 12.

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No. 267. Dated, Bangalore, 11th August 1923.

From A. M. SEN, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
~~B. JAYA RAM, Esquire, F.G.S.,~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

To

The Deputy Traffic Manager Freight,
M & S. M. Railway Company, Ltd.,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter No.F.M.67/23, dated 10th August 1923, and to note that you will await my letter before permitting the railing of the manganese ore lying in the Chickjajur Station premises. As has been stated already in the previous communications of mine, the claim of Mr. Coen to the said ore has been rejected and it is the property of Government. Negotiations are going on to sell the ore to the best advantage of Government and Mr. Coen cannot therefore be allowed to transport the ore on payment of the royalty due to Government thereon. The question of the disposal of the ore is engaging the attention of Government and then orders will be communicated to you when received.

2. If Mr. Coen is anxious to rail the ores for export, he may be asked to apply to Government direct and get their orders about the royalty to be paid.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/- A. M. Sen,

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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"Copy"

A. M. Sen

Offg. DIRECTOR,
Mysore Geological Department.

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Issue & Submit.

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*Diary No. of letter replied to*_____

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 15/8/23

Signed by Sd/- Jas S R Rao

Section Geol

File No. 55-12

Serial No 25

No. I. C. 805

The Acting Deputy Traffic Manager Freight M & S.M. Railway Co Ltd Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to confirm the following telegram sent to you on the instant regarding the manganese o ing at Chickjajur Railway Stat

Please refer to Geological Director's letter of eighth to you regarding removal of manganese ore at Chickjajur Railway Statio Stop. Ore is Govt property stop. Please hold in abeyance any permiss

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granted to Mr. Coen for its removal
stop. Letter follows: ~~Giridal Secretary~~"

In this connection I am to state
- through the manganese in question
stocked by col W. W. Coen of Hubli
Bicknajur Railway Station yet as he
not complied with the terms and conditions
~~the rules in force for in the State in respect~~
~~of property~~ licenses granted to him
~~under~~ concessions, the Govt of H. H. the
Rajaja ~~located~~ situated in Mysore 1922
ofiraled to Govt and their ~~order~~ decision has been
~~accordingly~~ communicated to ~~col Coen~~ him. as
now
the ore is the property of Govt and col coen has no
~~of~~ for ~~in~~ ~~to~~ be prepared by him (Immediately) representation in respect of any
must have any claim to the ~~same~~
~~in~~ ~~any~~ as made by him against the Railway Co. in respect of its
I am to request therefore that ~~the~~ permission may be
~~in question may be allowed to be~~
~~given to~~ Director of Geology in Mysore
~~allowed by the Mysore Geological Dept~~
to
~~by~~ any person duly authorised ~~by~~ by him to remove the ore upon
~~the Dept~~. His Highness' Govt will receiving such ground rent or
old themselves responsible for any other charges as might
claims that may be made by col coen legitimately due to the Ry Co
in respect of the ore

Copied by

Examined by

The Director of Geology reports that he is in communication with you in this matter & has ~~for~~ since forwarded

List of enclosures.

~~for the M & S.M Railway Co allow~~
the removal of the ore by col coen

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

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inspite of the protest, they do so at their risk and will be responsible for the loss thereby caused to the Govt

I have etc

Secy to Govt of Orissa

W. Govt. Copies a copy of Govt letter No 7177 dt 7.7.23 & 10.8.23 from the Govt of India dept No 267 dt 11-8-23 for an —

14/8/23

Immediate

D.O. No. 363

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
AUG 1923
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE
BRANCH.

Mysore Geological Department
Bangalore, 31st August 1923
File No.
Serial No.
Geol 55-22-2
Geol 55-22-25(a)

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.1049 Geol.55-22 dated 30th August 1923, enquiring as to the steps taken in the matter of the sale of certain manganese stacks to Mr.M. Venkata-Chellam Pillay of Mysore sanctioned in No.326 of 18th July 1923, I beg to state that the party having accepted the conditions of the sale a draft of the agreement to be executed was sent to the Government Advocate for his approval with any revision he may suggest. This has since been received and a copy of it furnished to Mr. Venkatachellam Pillay who has accepted the same and sent in a stamp paper for drawing it up. The party has been asked to remit to the Treasury 2/3 of the consideration of the sale amount and the execution of the agreement will be proceeded with as soon as possible on production of the Treasury Receipt in this office.

2. There was some unnecessary delay in the completion of this matter as Mr. Venkatachellam Pillay was away to Bombay for about 3 weeks on business.

3. The party is being expected every day with the Treasury Receipt and complete the transaction. An urgent reminder is being sent on to him today to execute the agreement as soon as possible without any further delay. A report will be sent up to Government when the agreement is drawn up.

Yours sincerely,

K.V. Anantaraman, Esquire, B.A.,
General Secretary to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
(In charge).

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 8/9/23

Signed by Mr. V. V. A. Raman

Section Geol

File No. 55-22

Serial No. 25 Cr.

DO No. I.C. 1252

To

The Offg Director, Dept of Geology

Dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your D.O. letter no 363 of 31-8-192 regarding the steps taken in the matter of the sale of certain manganese ~~stocks~~ ore to Mr. M. Venkoba Chettiar Pillay of Mysore, I am desired ~~directed~~ to observe that the delay in not having completed the transaction is unsatisfactory and to request that the transaction ~~should~~ may ~~have~~ be completed early and the full revenue ~~accrued~~. A report on the action taken in the matter may be submitted to Govt ~~at a very early date~~ within a fortnight

Yours sincerely.

7-9-23

Private Secretary.

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DIARY NO 65

M. G. D. 12. 9605

No. 416 Genl

Dated, Bangalore, 7th Sept 23

Section.

File No. Geol 55-22-26

From

A. M. Sen, Esq., M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

To

K. V. Anantaraman, Esq., B.A.,
General Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
(In charge), B A N G A L O R E.

GENL. & REV. SECTT. Br. 9C 8 SEP. 1923. C. P. SECTION

SECRETARIAT 0 SEP 1923 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.I.C.1148/Geol. 55-22, dated 3rd September 1923, regarding the disposal of the manganese ore lying in the Chickjajur Station premises, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 26th August 1923, from Mr.W. W. Coen of Hubli requesting to be permitted to rail to Madras the ore in question on payment of royalty thereon as per Railway weights and to be acknowledged as the proper claimant to the quantity of the ore removed by Messrs. Oakley Bowden & Co., in August 1920 from out of the stock in the Station yard. This letter, it will be seen, has been the outcome of the correspondence between the Railway authorities and this Department in the matter of the claim to the said ore.

2. In regard to the claim of Mr. Coen to the ore in question I beg to invite the attention of Government to their letter No.I.C.4715/Geol. 107-20-6, dated 4th March 1922, rejecting his claim thereto after a thorough examination of all the points underlying the case, and to urge that it would not be expedient to take up Mr. Coen's present application for consideration. The unauthorized removal of a portion of the stock by Messrs. Oakley,

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Bowden & Co., has also been finally disposed of by Government by the levy of a high rate of royalty at Rs.4/- per ton by way of penalty. Under these circumstances I beg to solicit orders of Government as to whether Mr. Coen may be informed that Government are not prepared to reopen the question.

D. Geol 95-22

3. It may however be possible to compensate Mr. Coen by offering to him, the said ore for a lump sum. As has already been reported to Government there are only two offers for the said ore- (1) from Messrs. Oakley, Duncan & Co., and the other (2) from Mr. Venkatachellam Pillay. The latter's offer which is the more advantageous is Rs.900/- for the 353 tons (app) of the ore. Recently however on 18th August 1923 there was a better offer from the former, Rs.5/- per ton on Railway weights; but this was qualified by a condition that the offer should be accepted before the 1st September so as to meet a shipment on 12th September 1923. As Mr. Venkatachellam Pillay's offer for all the manganese stocks at our disposal had practically been accepted by Government and specific orders in regard to the Chickjajur stock had been only allowed to stand by, pending the settlement with the Railway Company, I informed Messrs. Oakley, Duncan & Co., that their offer could not be considered at this stage.

4. Now however to let Mr. Coen have some advantage, in view of the fact that the ore in question was originally won by him and stacked in the station yard, I would recommend that the quantity of the ore at present remaining there may be offered to him for a lumpsum price of Rs.900/-, or at Rs.4/- per ton on railway weights.

5. The Railway Company has not yet given me a definite reply as to the ownership rights of the Government to the ore in question, accepting a wharfage or land rent. From the communications received the Railway Company seems to have identified themselves with Mr. Coen. In case the Government are willing to accept my proposal to sell the ore outright

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to Mr. Coen on the terms mentioned above, it may be made subject also to the condition that the claim of the Railway Company to warfage or land rent should be a matter for settlement between themselves. This will save Government of all the trouble involved in the case.

6. In continuation of para 3 of my D.O. No.363, dated 31st August 1923, regarding the completion of the sale of the manganese stacks to Mr. Venkatachellam Pillay I beg to state that the party has since turned up and has been given time up to the end of the week for paying up the consideration money as agreed upon. If the money is paid up into the Treasury by next Saturday it is expe that the agreement relating to the transaction will b drawn up early next week and the business completed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. M. Coen

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

P.M.N.

Letter dated 26th August 1923, from Mr. W. W. Coen, Hubli, to A. M. Sen, Esq., Director of Geology, Mysore Government, Bangalore.

The Deputy Traffic Manager, Freight M & S. M. Railway has sent me an extract from your letter in reply to his of 10th instant, ~~sending~~ reading " If Mr. Coen is anxious to rail the ores for Export he may be asked to apply to Government direct and get their orders about the royalty to be paid ".

This is with reference to the manganese ore lying at Chickjajur Railway Station which I have shown in previous correspondence belongs to me, and the balance of which I now request the Mysore Government to allow me to rail to Madras for Export as soon as possible and to acknowledge my claim to the portion of the ore removed by Messrs. Oakley Bowden and Company without my authority in August 1920.

I shall be prepared to pay the royalty which may be due on Railway weigh Bridge weights.

" C O P Y "

A. M. Sen

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

P.V.N.

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No 1601/Geol 55-22-31

D 26/9/23

To

The offg. Director,
Department of Geology.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.416 dated 7th Septr.1923 regarding the disposal of the 353 tons of manganes ore lying at Chickjajur Railway station, I am directed to state that though the manganese ore in question was stocked by Mr. W.W. Coen, yet, as he did not comply with the terms and conditions of the prospecting licenses granted to him, the Government decided in their order No . I.C.4715/Geol.107-20-6 dated 4th March 1922 that Mr.Coen had no claim to the ore which should be confiscated to Government. This decision was communicated to him in March 1922. An offer of Rs.900/- has already been made by Mr.Venkatachellam Pillay for the ore in question. In case Mr. Coen is agreeable to take over the ore on payment of a lumpsum royalty of Rs.900/- or at Rs-4/- pe ton on railway weights, he may be given the option of purchasing it. It should however be made clear to Mr. Coen that the wharfage or groundrent payable to the Railway company should be borne by him and also that this is an entirely fresh transaction and has no connection whatever with the claim of ownership put forward by him previously to the ore, which has been definitely decided against him. Final reply

I have &c.,

15.9.23

Genl. Secy. to Govt.,
In charge.

M. G. D. 12.

Geol 55-22-37

No. 740 Enc: 1 Dated, Bangalore, 8th Nov. 1923

From A. M. Sen, Esq., M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
~~B. JAYA RAM, ESQUIRE, F.C.S.,~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

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DIARY NO 1879 GEN & REV. SECRETARIAT 10 NOV 1923 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

To

T. E. Jeyaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

File No.
Serial No.

GEN. & REV. SECTT. Bn. 9 NOV. 1923 G. & R. SECTION

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. I.C. 1601/Geol 55-22, dated 26th September 1923, regarding the disposal of the manganese ore lying at Chikjajur Railway Station, I have the honour to state as follows:-

As directed in the above letter Mr. W. W. coen of Hubli was offered the ore on 27th September 1923 subject to the payment of a lump sum royalty of Rs.900/-, or at Rs.4/- per ton on Railway Weights. He was at the same time informed that this offer had nothing to do with his claim to the said ore, it having been decided against him already. 10 days time was given to Mr. Coen for a definite answer and compliance.

2. No reply having been received from Mr. Coen within the time allowed and even thereafter, an urgent reminder was issued to him on the 31st October, calling for an immediate reply in case he was prepared to accept the offer. This brought an answer, dated 3rd November 1923, and a copy of the same is submitted herewith for the information of Government. It will be seen from the reply that Mr. Coen still harps on his claim to the ore and does not accept the terms of the offer as at present made to him. Under these circumstances, I

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I solicit the orders of Government to dispose of the ore in question to Mr. M. Venkatachellam Pillay on payment of Rs.900/- offered by him. As I feel doubtful that the Railway authorities will allow the removal of the ore, I request that Government may take up and settle the question, so as to enable the purchaser to remove the ore without any hindrance from the company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Narasimha

Offg. Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

P.V.N/8

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Letter dated 3rd November 1923, from Col. W. W. Coen, Hubli, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, --- Bangalore.

Your letters Nos. 541 of 28th September and
No. 685 of 31st Ultimo.

These letters prove that you recognise my claim to the Ore lying at Chik-jajur Ry. station. You can-not treat this as a fresh transaction, the previous one not having been disposed of. But your terms & conditions are arbitrary, illegal and unreasonable in view of the fact that I have already suffered a loss of Rs.30,000/- by your Government's uncompromising attitude towards me in the whole matter of my mining licenses in your state. Under these circumstances I cannot agree to accept your conditions.

I can only agree if you charge royalty at the original rate of 6 annas per ton as this was the rate during the period of my license for Sadurhalli and in terms of which t royalty was only to be paid at the time of removal of the o from the Railway station.

"C O P Y"

Offg. Director,

P.V.N/8 Mysore Geological Department.

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 30/11/23

Signed by Ver. S. K. R.

Section Geol

File No. 55-22

Serial No. 39

No. N. C. 3531

To

The Acting Deputy Traffic
Manager Freight
M & S.M Railway Co Ltd
Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your reference to this office letter GC 805/Geol 55-22-25 of 15-8-1923 stating that the manganese ore lying at the Chickjajur Railway Station is now the property of Govt to which Mr. Coen of Hubli has no claim and that Govt will hold themselves responsible in respect of any claim that may be made by him against the Railway Company in respect of the ore and requesting that permission may be given to the Director of Geology in Mysore or to any person duly authorised by him to remove the ore on payment of ground rent and other charges that may be due

over.

P.T.O.

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to the Railway company. and to request
the favour of a very early reply in the matter
of the question of disposing of our [redacted]
engaging the attention of Govt.

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Foreign Govt Dept

The Shortage due
on the one hand
may also be im-
proved & in this connec-
I am to in refer
reference to [redacted]
No 170/07 7-4-23
the letter noted
by the Director of Posts

List of enclosures.

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Examined by

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G. R. S.] DIARY NO 2466 T. L.

ADRAS & SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY CO., LD.
(Incorporated in England)

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ADDRESS.
RAFFIC", MADRAS.
EASE REFER TO No. F.M.67/23.

GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
PARK TOWN, MADRAS.
File No.
Serial No. 17th Decr.1923. 19

Geol 55-11-40

e Secretary to the Government
of H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore.

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GOVT. & REV. SECRETARIAT
18 DEC 1923
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH

Your No.I.C.3531/Geol.55.22-39 of
30th ultimo.

I note that you hold yourselves responsible in respect of any claim that may be made against the Railway Company in respect of the ore that is now lying at Chickjajur station.

2. We are prepared under these circumstances to charge a nominal wharfage of Rs.2.8.0 per ton on the weight ascertained when the ore is moved.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Dy.Tfc.Manager Freight.

S.M.

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 4-1-24

Signed by Mr. S. N. K.

Section Geol

File No. 55-22

Serial No. 42

No. J. C. 4080

To The Deputy Traffic Manager Freight
S. & S. M. Railway Co Ltd.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your Tele no T.M. 67/23 dt 17-12-23 stating that a wharfage at the rate of Rs 2-8-0 per ton of manganese ore lying at Chickajale Railway Station will be charged, I am directed to state that ~~the offer received by the Govt of His Highness the Maharaja for~~ as at works out only at about 2-8-0 per ton the refund to be debited (Your Director of Geology is not liable to pay) and that in the circumstances the wharfage claimed is too high. I am to request therefore that as already requested a small nominal wharfage may be charged. The favour of a reply early reply in this matter is requested.

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Price of the ore close is only about Rs 2/8 per ton

1707 dt 7th April 1923

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DIARY NO 2783

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The MADRAS & SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY Co., Ld.
(Incorporated in England)

Section. Gol 55-22-42

Telegraphic address "Traffic" Madras
TELEPHONE No. 168.

THE GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
Park Town,
CENTRAL STATION, MADRAS,

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
12 JAN 1924
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

GENL. & REV. SECTT.
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12. JAN. 1924

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
No. T.M.67/23. 11th January, 1924.

The Secretary to the Government of H.H. the
MahaRaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Department,

Bangalore.

Sir,

our No.IC.4080/GOL 55/22/42 of 4-1-1924.

Considering the length of time, the ore has been on hand, I consider Rs.2/8/0 per ton a very reasonable nominal wharfage and I regret cannot be reduced. If you are not prepared to pay this, kindly hand over the ore to the Railway, when steps will be taken to dispose of the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Traffic Manager 'E'.

F.C.F.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue.... 5-2-24

Signed by W. S. N. R.

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ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

Section Geol

File No. 55-22

Serial No. 46

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read—

Correspondence ending in letter no 7460 dy 8-11-23 from the Director, Dept of Geology, recommending that 353 tons of manganese ore lying at Chickjajur Railway Station maybe sold to Mr. M. Venkatachellam Pillay of Mysore for a lumpsum price of Rs 900/-

Order Thereon No. J.C. 4648-9

In view of the fact that the ore in question has been lying at Chickjajur Railway Station for a number of years, the M & S M Railway Company Ltd have claimed

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a wharfage for the ore at the railway
Rs 2-2-0 per ton on the weight
ascertained when the ore is removed.
Govt are pleased to direct that the
wharfage ~~amount~~ paid to the company and treated as an
advance ~~to~~ be adjusted out of the
realisations from the ore and that
the ore be auctioned taking Mr
Venkatachellam Pillay's offer
Rs 900/- as an upset price ~~of the~~
~~the wharfage paid on actual weight.~~

The Director, Dept of Geology is requested to take
necessary action in the matter & report the result
for the information of Govt.

Sd/- T. Rangachariar 1/2

3/2/24

To The Offg Director, Dept of Geology
The Commissioner, for Govt

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FROM

A. M. SEN, Esq., M.Sc., F.G.S., Etc.,
Offg. Director, Mysore Geological Department.

To

K.V.Anantaraman Esq.,B.A.,
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

SIR,

Adverting to G.O.No.I.C.4648-9 Geol.55-22-46,dated 5th February 1924, passing Orders on the disposal of the manganese ore lying in the Chikjajur railway station yard, I have the honour to report for the information of the Government that in persuance of a notice issued by me under No 1372 dated 16-2-'24, (copy herewith) an auction of the ore in question was held in my Office yesterday-10th March at 2 P.M. The under mentioned gentlemen

1. Mr. Pallaghatti Adavappa.
2. " C.B.Oakley.
3. " M.Vencatachellam Pilley.
4. " M.Narasinga Rao Sindhe.
5. " K.N.Parameswaran of Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co.,
6. " Chalvaraj Butler.
7. " Edwards.
8. " M.J.Rasheed.

were present and it was announced that the offer of Rs 900/- made by Mr Vencatachellam Pillay would be taken as the upset price. Mr. Oakley then gave Rs.1000/- as his bid and there was no bid above that. Accordingly the sale was concluded for Rs 1000/- which amount was paid by Mr Oakley on the spot by a cheque on the Bangalore Bank Ltd. The cheque is being sent today to the Comptroller for realisation and credit.

2. The sale having been completed I have this day granted the necessary permission to Mr. Oakley to remove the ore from the Station within three months and I have also intimated the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldroog District, and the M & S.M Railway authorities duly of this fact.

3. The payment to the Railway Co. of the wharfage charges at

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at Rs.2/8/- per ton will duly be made on receipt from them of a bill therefor which has been called for.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. M. Sen

Offg: Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

SALE OF MANGANESE ORE.

Notification No. 1372, *dated* 16*th February* 1924.

The undermentioned quantity of manganese ore belonging to the Government lying in the Chikjajur Stationyard will be sold by public auction at the office of the undersigned, Highground, Bangalore City, on Monday 10th March 1924, at 2 P.M. under the following conditions:—

Six thousand three hundred and fifty-four cubic feet or 353 tons of manganese ore in the Chikjajur Stationyard, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, on the Bangalore-Poona line.

N.B.—The quantity mentioned is only *approximate*. Purchasers are therefore advised to have all particulars about the quantity, quality, etc., of the ore ascertained before bidding for the same.

Conditions.

(1) The entire quantity is treated as one lot and an upset price of Rs. 900 will be fixed. The lot will be knocked down to the highest bidder who will be considered the purchaser.

(2) Immediately after the conclusion of the sale half the sum of purchase money should be paid in cash or by a Bank cheque and the balance of the sale amount should be paid within a week. If the purchaser of the ore fails to pay the balance within the time prescribed, his bidding shall be cancelled and the amount paid therewith forfeited to Government. Permission to remove the ore will be given on payment of the sale price in full.

(3) The ore has to be removed from the Stationyard within three months from the date of permission to remove issued by this Department to the local Revenue and Railway authorities.

A. M. SEN,
Offg Director.